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**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/750,007

Filing Date: January 12, 2001

First Named Inventor: Hisashi SEMBA

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Irene Marx

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:****a. ☒ Previously submitted**

☒ Consider the Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 22, 2003.

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**b. ☒ Enclosed:**

i. ☒ Supplemental Response to Final Office Action

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees****a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:**

i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (two months) \$410.00.

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,160.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Date: March 21, 2003

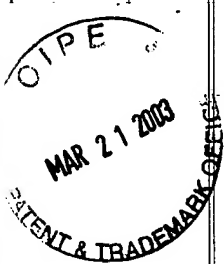
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hisashi SEMBA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1651  
Application No.: 09/758,317 ) Examiner: Irene Marx  
Filed: January 12, 2001 )  
For: A METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING )  
AN OPTICALLY ACTIVE )  
CYANOHYDRIN )

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, and the Advisory Action dated February 26, 2003, Applicants request the entry of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, filed January 22, 2003, and provide the following additional remarks. These remarks are submitted with a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time, and the corresponding Request for Continued Examination and extension fees.

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Application**

The Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, filed January 22, 2003, proposed amendments to claims 11, 16, 31, and 34. The present Request for Continued